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REMARKS

The drawings stand objected to because reference characters 23', 31' in Fig. 1, 45 in Fig. 5A, 45' in Fig. 5B, and 43 and 43' in Fig. 6 are not mentioned in the specification.

In response, the specification has been amended at paragraphs [0015] and [0016] adding reference numbers 23' and 31', respectively. Reference numbers 43 and 43' can be found in the originally filed specification at paragraph [0017], next to last line. A drawing sheet showing proposed drawing corrections to Figs. 5A and 5B in red ink and a replacement sheet having Figs. 2-5B with the correction are enclosed herewith. Further, various amendments have been made to the specification correcting various informalities and typographical mistakes. No new matter has been added. In view of these amendments and the amendments to Figs. 5A and 5B, the drawing objections have been overcome.

The specification has been amended herein as directed by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-8 and 16-18 are allowed. Claims 9-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,114,198. Claims 12-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, claims 9-11 have been canceled and claims 1, 4, 8, and 13-18 have been amended to correct the objected informalities. Further, claims 12-15 have been rewritten in independent form, which include all of the limitations of base claim 9.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWING

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 5A and 5B. This sheet, which includes Figs. 2-5B, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 2-5B. In Fig. 5A, reference character 45 has been deleted. In Fig. 5B, reference character 45' has been deleted.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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In view of the foregoing, the pending claims are in condition for allowance.
Reconsideration of the objections and rejections is respectfully requested.

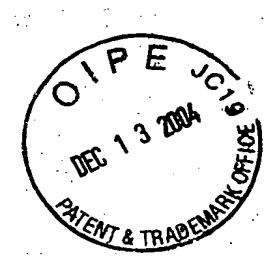
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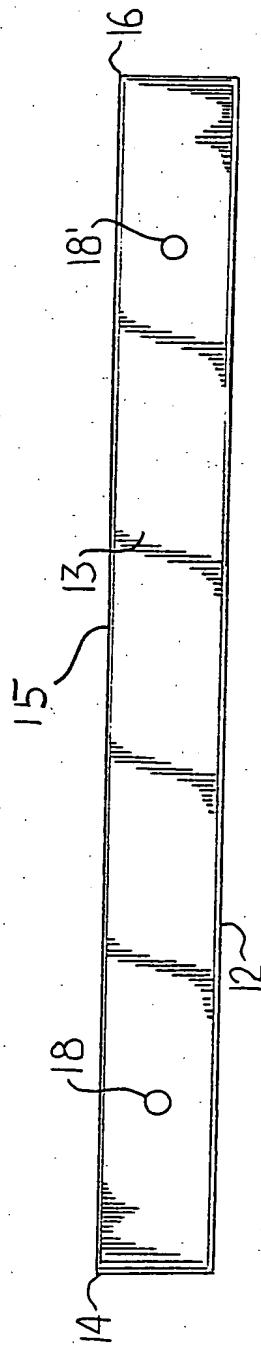


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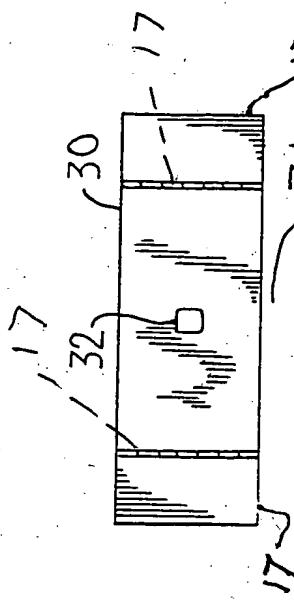


Fig. 4

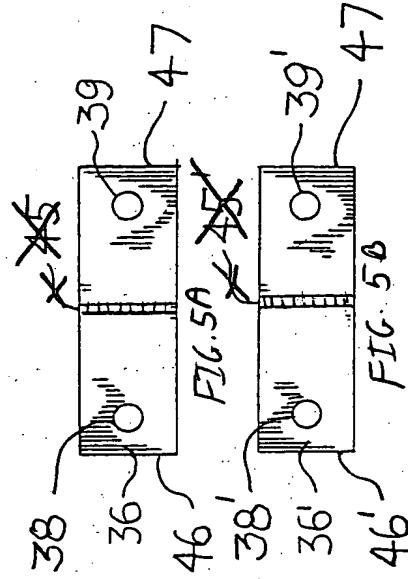


Fig. 3
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